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## **COUNTY TELEVISION NETWORK RECEIVES NATIONAL HONOR TODAY** ***CTN Named Finalist in National Cable Television Association's Community Spirit Awards***

County Television Network (CTN), the local government access channel of the County of San Diego, today was honored in Washington, DC by the National Cable Television Association (NCTA). CTN was recognized as a finalist in the NCTA's Community Spirit Awards in the "Regional Network: Community & Public Affairs" category at the Washington Metropolitan Cable Club luncheon. The awards ceremony will be telecast nationally on C-SPAN (time and date to be announced).

The Community Spirit Awards recognize a collective body of local programming distributed by a cable system or regional cable network in terms of its quality, value and contribution to specific community needs for local television.

CTN submitted a compilation tape of selected 1999 programs, including CTN's new, magazine-format show, "County Chronicles," and its feature programs: "Farming in San Diego County," "Biography San Diego," "Cats & Canines," and "Wings Over San Diego." Other programs included these series: "Board of Supervisors meetings," "Update San Diego," "Focus: San Diego County," and "Lifeline with Dr. Bob Ross."

"This outstanding national recognition by the cable television industry's trade association proves that CTN produces high-quality, informative and entertaining programming," said Michael Workman, director of the county department of media and public relations. "We strive to be the best in the San Diego region, and we continue to be recognized as one of the best in the nation."

MetroChannels, New York, NY, was selected as the winner of the Community Spirit Award and CN8: The Comcast Network in Union, New Jersey was named as the other finalist in the category.

CTN programs are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on Cox Cable, Channel 17; Time-Warner, Channel 22; and Daniels, Channels 51/66, although programming is not available in all areas at all times. CTN is funded with cable television franchise fees.

CTN's programming schedule is available on the County's web site at [www.co.san-diego.ca.us/ctn](http://www.co.san-diego.ca.us/ctn).

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